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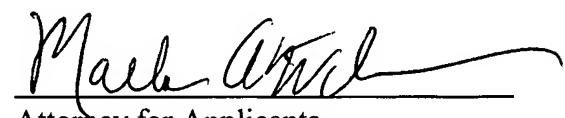
Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 54-73 are now pending in the application, with Claims 54, 59, 62, 65, 68 and 71 being independent. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 54-73 have been added herein. In the claims of the parent application, time information on a year, a month and a day on which the cartridge was first used was stored. However, in the instant case, the stored time information is on a year and a month (Claims 54, 62 and 65) or on a time (Claims 59, 68 and 71).

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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